

EDITOR'S IDEALS OF NEWSPAPERDOM

Watterson Talks of the Duties of His Profession.

NO WORK FOR SCAVENGERS

Veteran Newspaper Man Stands for Manhood of the Guild.

New York, May 28.—Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, at a banquet tendered in his honor by the New York Press Club to-night, in a speech told of the duties and ideals of the newspaper profession. Mr. Watterson said:

"I was born next door to a print shop and grew up in a newspaper office. First and last I have filled every newspaper function from galley boy to leader writer. I am proud of my calling and jealous of its good name. Until I gave up all-around, all-night work I was never so happy as toward the wee small hours, when the boys around me, wires were flashing and feet were hurrying, and the presses were beginning to thunder below. Now that I no longer see the paper to press, it rejoices me to find myself still surrounded by the boys—the boys in the trenches—and to recall the old days and nights and in fancy to believe that there's life in the old man yet."

Hunting for Work.

"Not one of you has walked these streets in search of work more wistfully and sometimes more despairingly than I have. I remember once seeing young James Gordon Bennett through a window of the old Herald office, down about the corner of Broadway and Fulton street, and of murmuring, with John Leech's ragged urchin, looking upon a little boy in a London home, eating plum pudding. 'Wouldn't it be bully to be him?' Just fifty-two years ago Mr. Dana, then on the Tribune, paid me five for a bit of the tea table called space writing now, and ten years later, when we had come to be as it were professional colleagues, he was pleased to be reminded of the circumstance, and from that hour to the day of his death was my most excellent friend and comrade."

I beg you will not be alarmed. I am not going to weary you with the reminiscences nor set up for a school master. Still less is it my purpose to deliver a lecture on journalism. I think I know what news is and how to prepare it equally for the tea table and the breakfast table. Like victuals, it may be served hot and savory or raw and unsavory; be brought on platin or be dressed and decorated to suit the ever-varying public taste. There is in this, as in cooking, an art. A fine, ruddy murder, like a fair round of beef, may be ruined in the roasting and a scandal, fat and juicy, blonde and frowny, wholly spoiled by a figurative excess of oil and garlic. A skilful chef can take a few scraps and fabricate a dish to delight a gourmet. So a deft reporter can put this and that together and place a story to set the town a-talking. In both cases, however, there must be the basis of essential fact. It is given to no man to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, to no cook to render a saute out of sawdust and boot heels, to no reporter to turn a scamp out of a lie."

A "New York" Letter.

"I was engaged as general utility man upon an afternoon paper in Washington city. Each morning there was laid upon my desk the New York Evening Post and the New York Evening Express of the preceding afternoon. A part of my business was, with pencil, paste and scissors, to riddle the contents of those two interesting sheets. For better attraction I adopted the form of a daily New York letter."

"Having no leg work to do and fresh from my early coffee, with the Post and Express before me, knowing all the local points and people, nothing was easier than the riling of an apt column or two with a New York gold line. I fairly revelled in my artistic fraudulency. It was so disguised in the warming-over process that for a long time the stuff was regularly copied by the papers from which it had been originally taken. These, however, were entirely innocent and happy days, when genius had some chance and virtue was its own reward."

"Nevertheless, I flatter myself that, barring the late hours and the locomotion, I can still hold my own with the best of you in the work of news-gathering and news collating, in distinguishing what is and what is not news, even to the latest up-to-date frills and flourishes from Park Row and the Tenderloin rears of the Herald Squares and Forty-second Street, provided they be open and aboveboard clean and truthful—tolerably truthful—and not fictive and ignoble."

Draws the Line.

"I draw the line at straight lying and the station house. The city editor should never consider himself a brevet chief of police, the reporter a semi-professional detective. The newspaper, with the law, should assume the accused innocent until proven guilty; should be the friend, not the enemy, of the general public; the defender, not the invader, of private life and the assailant of personal character. 'The newspaper is not a commodity to be sold over the counter like dry goods and groceries. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience, its rating professional, like the ministry and the law, not commercial, like the department store and the bucket shop. Its workers should be gentlemen not scavengers and scavengers, developing a spy system peculiarly their own, nor caring for the popular respect and esteem."

"I know that it is the fashion to call such sentiments old timey, just as it is the custom to call old men courtly who are not actually vulgar and slovenly. Self-respect can never grow obsolete and self-respect is the bed-rock of the public respect. There will be shyster journalists as there are shyster lawyers, unworthy newspaper men as there are unworthy clergymen. But in each calling the rule is bound to be otherwise, and they who seek the imprint of the higher instead of the lower brand will be sure to find it. In short, my dear young friends, I stand for the manhood, for the gentlemanhood, of our guild, a profession and not a trade, and I believe that, in the long run, the owners of newspaper properties will learn that integrity and cleanliness pay the best dividends and that good faith and good humor are positive assets."

An Editor's Precepts.

"I hope there is no one of you here to-night who will not be one day a managing editor, at least a city editor, and whenever any one of you finds himself in a position of authority, let him carry these few precepts in his mind and in his heart. The chief of a man, which he would not say to his face, to print nothing of a man in malice; to look well and think twice before consigning a suspect to the ruin of printer's ink; to respect the old and defend the weak; and lastly, at work and at play, day time and night time, to be good to the girls and square with the boys, for hath it not been written, 'of such is the kingdom of heaven?'"

Postmasters Appointed.

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VETERANS WILL VISIT RICHMOND

A. P. Hill Camp to Participate in Memorial Day Exercises.

INVITED TO SPRINGFIELD

Petition for Incorporation of Ettrick Village Withdrawn.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 103 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., May 28. At a called meeting of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans last night, arrangements were completed for visiting Richmond and participating in the memorial exercises in that city on Monday afternoon. The camp expects to take some forty or fifty members in line, with their fire drum corps, and in full uniform. The camp will go to Richmond on special cars over the electric line.

A Pleasant Incident.

An interesting incident of the meeting was the reading of a letter from James Anderson, commander of E. K. Wilcox Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Springfield, Mass., extending by unanimous vote of the post a cordial invitation to A. P. Hill Camp to visit Springfield on July 4 and participate in the celebration of the National Independence Day. The invitation will be acted on at the meeting of the camp next Thursday evening. It is appreciated not only on account of its cordiality, but because of the warm friendly relations that have always existed between the members of Wilcox Post and A. P. Hill Camp, and the frequent exchanges of courtesies that have occurred. There have been exchanges of visits between members, and Commander James Anderson, of Wilcox Post, is an honorary member of A. P. Hill Camp.

Petition for Incorporation Withdrawn.

A meeting of the signers of the petition to Judge Walter A. Watson, for a charter of incorporation for Ettrick, was held in that village last night, to decide whether or not the charter as framed by Judge Watson should be accepted. Of the eighty-two signers, fifty-two were present, and the vote on acceptance or nonacceptance resulted in a tie—26 for and 26 against. A committee was appointed to canvass the sentiment of the absent signers, and this the committee did this morning, with the result that the opponents of incorporation had a majority of nine.

The petition for incorporation will therefore be withdrawn, and the matter will be dropped, at least for the present. Judge Watson will be advised on Monday of the withdrawal of the petition.

The reasons for deciding not to accept the charter are as follows: The charter does not allow as much territory as had been asked for; that the charter, under these circumstances, would not provide the revenue expected, and that certain provisions asked for could only be granted by the Legislature.

File of Field Property.

Pyle & Co., real estate agents of this city, have just sold to R. W. Elam, of Mecklenburg county, the "Dellwood" farm of 872 acres, on the Woodpecker Road, in Chesterfield county, about five miles from Petersburg, for \$25,000. This is one of the finest farms in the county and has excellent buildings on it. It also contains about 3,000,000 feet of timber.

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PERFECTLY WELL, BUT VERY PEEVISH

J. Pierpont Morgan "Grouchy" When Approached by Interviewer.

ALSO SOMEWHAT SHABBY

Refuses to Talk, Telling Reporter He Can Draw Own Conclusions.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, May 28.—J. Pierpont Morgan was among the crowd of distinguished Americans seeing off their friends on the Lusitania boat train at Euston Station this afternoon. Mr. Morgan appeared on the platform with his partner, Henry P. Davidson, half an hour before the train started, and indulged in a long and intimate talk. The famous financier could scarcely be recognized in his rather shabby get-up. His silk hat wanted ironing, his morning coat evidently had seen better days, his trousers were baggy at the knees, obviously crying for an acquaintance with the presser.

At times Mr. Morgan glanced around at passersby, glaring fiercely as if they were endeavoring to hear his talk.

"I'm glad to see you looking so well, Mr. Morgan," was the Times-Dispatch representative's greeting. We've heard lately you have been dead, and only yesterday seriously ill."

"Well," said Mr. Morgan, "I'm here, ain't I?"

"Can I say you have never been in better health? You certainly look good."

"Don't ask me what you've got to say," retorted Mr. Morgan. "I don't want to help you with that. I'm perfectly well, and surely that's enough for anybody."

"Do you know how such rumors originate?"

The last one yesterday was speedily finished," replied Mr. Morgan.

"I suppose, Mr. Morgan, they're started for the purpose—"

"You can draw your own conclusions. Again I say I don't want to help."

"Tell me, then, if you're going to New York now."

"No, I'm not," snapped Mr. Morgan.

Grass Widowers' Excursions and Week End Rates Via Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company.

Effective Friday, June 3d, and continuing thereafter each Friday and Saturday until September 24th, the C. & O. will sell week end tickets from Richmond to Mountain Resort Stations at reduced fares, these tickets being good returning arriving Richmond not later than 7 A. M. Tuesday following. Week end tickets will also be sold at reduced rates to Old Point, Norfolk and Virginia Beach each Friday and Saturday, good until Monday following.

Grass Widower's tickets will be sold from Richmond to stations on the main line East of and including Waynesboro, Va., Madison and Orange, and to stations on the James River District Line East of and including Howardsville on each Saturday, good until Monday following at low rates.

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Call and See the Demonstration

Until Tuesday Evening May 31st

Showing how to get the CHEAPEST and QUICKEST hot water in the world.

00 Broad Street

One Handsome Humphrey Bath Water Heater to be Given Away Absolutely FREE

Sold by Your Plumber

Then you're going back to Paris?"

"Young man," said Mr. Morgan, "you seem to know too much. What do you want to know all about my movements for anyway?"

"In fact, you're going back to New York in two or three weeks."

"Look here," Mr. Morgan blurted out, obviously vexed, "I've already told you I'm not going to help you and don't want to. The fact that I'm not going back to-day ought to be sufficient for you."

"I should like to tell you," said the reporter, "there's a report that Caspar Purdon Clarke isn't returning to the directorship of the Metropolitan Museum."

"Where did that come from?" asked Mr. Morgan.

"From New York."

"Well," said Mr. Morgan, "this is the first I've heard of it. I know nothing whatever about it."

"Then you cannot say if it is true?"

"I've no knowledge whatever on the subject," said Mr. Morgan.

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the situation. A number of the prominent bankers and other business men were with them in confidential conference, and late this afternoon announcement was made that bids opened to-day are accepted, the great bulk of them being at par.

The bids in hand to-day leave \$2,311,500 of the issue to be taken care of in some extraordinary way, with longer than the Legislature may have to be called together to extricate the administration from the embarrassing dilemma.

"Moonlight to Dutch Gap"

Steamer Pocahontas Under Auspices of Randolph Street Baptist Church.

Thursday Evening, June 2, 1910.

Steamer leaves wharf at 8:30 o'clock sharp. Gentlemen's Ticket, 50 cents.

Good Corn Goes Fast

Good corn whiskey, like everything else, good, always goes fast. This is true of that distilled and bottled in the distillery by the Richmond Distilling Company. You can get some that is from seven to ten years old. Write at once for a convenient size package shipped securely to you anywhere. Address Station B-26, Richmond, Va.

NEW AFFIDAVITS IN JOHNSON CASE

Another Appeal to Governor. Program for Firemen's Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., May 28.—Attorney Lewis H. Machen, representing Calvin Johnson, one of the four negroes convicted of the murder of Walter F. Schultz, and who is sentenced to be electrocuted June 10 next, to-day forwarded Governor Mann two new affidavits in Johnson's case, each made by negroes. One is from a man, and the other from a woman. They are to the effect that the makers saw Calvin Johnson in Alexandria at the time when Henry Smith, the negro who turned State's evidence, originally stated that Johnson was assisting in the murder of Schultz, in a field west of here. Smith is sentenced to die in the electric chair, and unless Governor Mann intervenes in his behalf, he will die Friday, and the three others—Johnson, Richard Pines and Eugene Dorsey—are sentenced to be electrocuted June 10.

W. Mangrum, thirty-four years old, a freight brakeman, employed by the Southern Railway Company, while loading a piano on a freight train near Herndon this morning, was badly injured on the back by the piano falling on him. Mangrum was brought to this city and taken to the Alexandria Hospital, where his injuries were treated.

Firemen's Association. The official program for the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, parade and tournament, which will be held here August 24-26, under the auspices of the firemen and citizens of this city, was announced to-day.

According to the program, the first day, August 24, there will be a reception of delegates and visiting firemen from 6 A. M. until 10 P. M., and at 7 o'clock in the afternoon the opening session of the convention will be held in the opera-house. An address or welcome on behalf of the city will be made by Representative C. C. Carlin, and a response on behalf of the firemen by John H. Trimyer, of this city.

For August 25 the program includes a grand street parade, in which all the visiting fire companies will participate, and at 8 o'clock at night there will be a band concert, in which the visiting bands accompanying the fire companies will participate, and the winner will be given a prize of \$50. At 10 o'clock, August 26, there will be horse races and other contests for prizes.

STATE ACCEPTS BIDS FOR \$1,218,500 OF ISSUE

No Offers for Remainder of Bonds. N. C. Legislature May Have to Be Called in Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—The second bids for the \$2,450,000 refunding forty-year 4 per cent. bonds to take up bonds falling due July 1, were opened by the State Treasurer at noon to-day in the presence of the Governor and members of the council of State, and a large company of interested citizens in the office of the State Treasurer. It was found that there were bids for only \$1,218,500 of the issue, as compared with \$1,755,000 that was bid for on the first date for the bond sale, May 18, when all bids were rejected.

The Council of State was in executive session all afternoon considering

Railroads.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R. R. TO AND FROM WASHINGTON AND BEYOND.

Leave Richmond Arrive Richmond

4:40 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.	4:50 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.
6:20 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.	6:30 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.
8:40 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.	8:50 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.
10:40 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.	10:50 A. M. Byrd St. Sta.
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ACCOMMODATION TRAINS—WEEKDAYS.

Leave Richmond, 1:30 P. M. for Fredericksburg, 2:00 P. M. for Washington, 2:30 P. M. for Annapolis, 3:00 P. M. for Baltimore, 3:30 P. M. for Philadelphia, 4:00 P. M. for New York, 4:30 P. M. for Boston, 5:00 P. M. for New England.

All trains leave from Byrd Street Station (except trains leaving 4:50 a. m. and arriving 10:50 a. m.) stop at Annapolis and depart at 10:50 a. m. guaranteed. Read the signs.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway

5:00 A. M. Daily—Fast train to Old Point, 5:30 A. M. (Newport News and Norfolk). 7:40 A. M. Daily—Local to Newport News. 8:00 P. M. Daily—Local to Old Point. 11:00 P. M. Daily—Local to Old Point.

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